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DRAFT RENT CONTROL BILL
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in the process of drafting a Rent Control Bill;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) whether a Bill without some sort of fast track and easily accessible, judicial process where such rights could be enforced would be meaningless;

(d) if so, whether the Government is considering to cover these aspects in the proposed Bill;and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a) to (e): Rent is a State subject and role of Central Government is only advisory. However, this Ministry had prepared a Model Rent Control Legislation which was circulated in 1992 to State Governments/UTs for guidance and amending their existing Rent Control Law or enacting new rent acts on the lines of Model Legislation. In so far as Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi is concerned, Central Government had enacted The Delhi Rent Act, 1995 to replace The Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958. Immediately after enactment of the Act, there were representations against some of provisions of the Act and it was decided to bring the Act into force after effecting amendments. Steps taken in this direction in the past include introduction of amendment Bill in the Rajya Sabha, consideration by Parliamentary Standing Committee, submission of report by the Committee, acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee by the Government, etc. The Official Amendment to the Amendment Bill requires to be introduced in the Parliament and precise time frame for introduction cannot be indicated at this stage. The Model Rent Control Legislation circulated by this Ministry in 1992 also deals with streamlining judicial procedure as well as the requirement to simplify the procedure of litigation and expeditious disposal of cases.